



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCACY UPDATE

The **Public Safety Advocacy Update** comes to your inbox with a quick look at events and information you need to stay up to date with the First Responder Network Authority.



Featured Advocacy Activity:

Tribal Community delivers critical input during FirstNet Roadmap Engagement

Last week, the Public Safety Advisory Committee's (PSAC) Tribal Working Group (TWG) met in Nashville, in part to kick off the First Responder Network Authority's Roadmap-focused discussions with public safety. Tribal members from across the country attended the two-day meeting to learn more about the recently announced Roadmap framework and ensure tribal broadband communications needs are reflected in the future planning and development of the FirstNet network.



The meeting was an opportunity for the First Responder Network Authority to hear directly from tribal public safety and deepen their understanding of critical tribal emergency communication priorities.

Tim Zientek, Emergency Manager for the Citizen's Potawatomi Nation Tribe, kicked off the meeting by highlighting the tribe's recent experience using FirstNet at the FireLake Fireflight Balloon Festival in Oklahoma. TWG delegate **Robert DeRosier** detailed his unique experiences at Blackfeet Nation emergency management, with dozens of miles of international border and rural communications challenges.

Additionally, TWG Chair **Danae Wilson** discussed the committee's 2018 accomplishments and tribal success stories, and identified upcoming opportunities to publicize these successes in support of

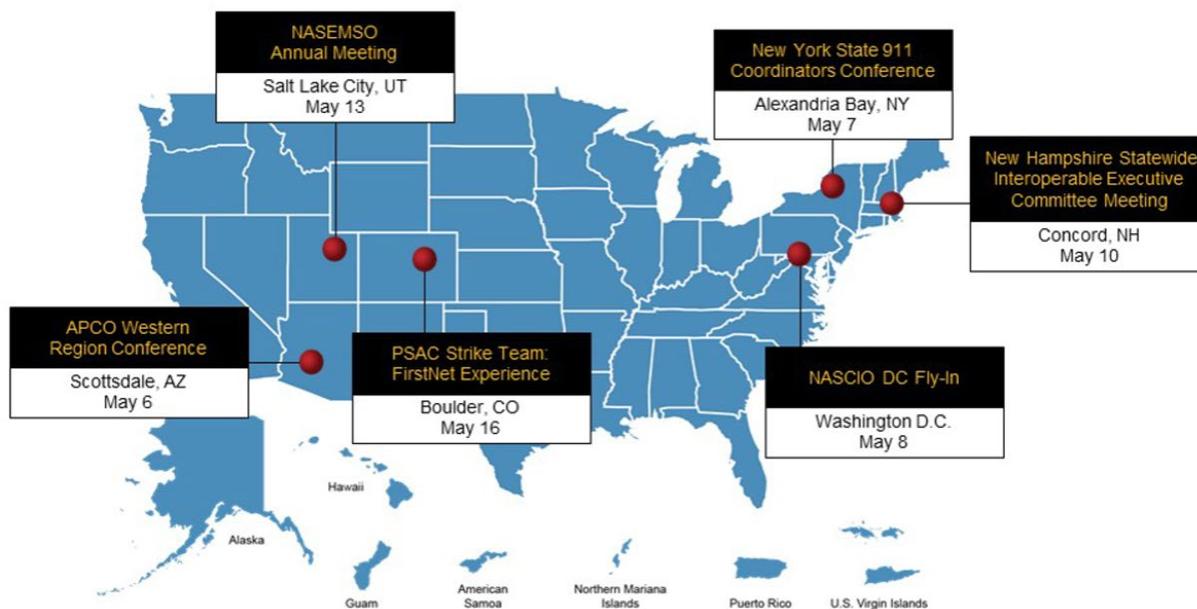
FirstNet adoption and network expansion. PSAC Chair **Todd Early** also provided an overview of the PSAC's recent activities and upcoming priorities in 2019, including TWG involvement in future PSAC meetings.

The First Responder Network Authority team also answered questions and facilitated several discussions on FirstNet contract roles and responsibilities; the First Responder Network Authority Roadmap and Investment Strategy; network buildout, products, and services; tribal border security; and tribal consultation and engagement.

The First Responder Network Authority would like to thank the TWG delegates for participating and providing valuable input at this meeting. We are looking forward to future engagement opportunities with our public safety partners in tribal communities.



Select Upcoming Public Safety Advocacy Engagements



FirstNet in Action

News release: FirstNet Crosses Half-a-Million Connections, Expands Coverage Nationwide

The FirstNet communications platform continues to gain rapid momentum as it brings advanced capabilities to first responders across the country. It has surpassed the half-a-million mark, with 600,000+ device connections being used by more than 7,250 public safety agencies. And it continues to expand the coverage, capacity and capability available to first responders, giving public safety a network experience that consistently performs over 25 percent faster than any commercial network. [Read the full news release.](#)



FirstNet Honors Public Safety in May

Every day, first responders across the nation step up to handle some of our biggest challenges. The work they perform is difficult and dangerous, yet they serve with bravery and unwavering commitment. During May, the First Responder Network Authority is recognizing and honoring these first responders for the critical, lifesaving work they perform year-round. [Read more on our blog](#) and join us on [social media](#) to honor public safety.



Incorporating FirstNet into Emergency Response Exercises

The First Responder Network Authority joined public safety leaders at Texas A&M University Internet 2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC)'s Winter Institute Workshop and Exercise. During the two-day event, first responders used FirstNet during a realistic earthquake scenario to experience how the network could enhance operational response and communication. [Learn more](#) about the training event and how first responders incorporated FirstNet into their response efforts.



Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2018



First Responder Network Authority Receives Another “Clean” Audit Opinion for FY18 Financials

The First Responder Network Authority received an unmodified or “clean” audit opinion on its financial statements for the sixth consecutive year. This achievement continues the trend of zero material weaknesses or significant deficiencies related to the audit and reflects the First Responder Network Authority leadership’s commitment to excellence in the execution of our mission. [Learn more](#) on our blog or [see the report](#).



FirstNet in the news

[FirstNet CEO: AT&T has 20 rural partners, wants more](#) (*Telecompetitor*, April 24)

AT&T has partnerships with 20 companies to support the deployment of the FirstNet nationwide public safety mobile broadband network in rural areas, said **Ed Parkinson**, acting CEO of the FirstNet Authority, at the NTCA Technology + Business Conference in Chicago today. Parkinson added that AT&T is looking for more FirstNet rural partners.

[FirstNet: The key to improving safety at schools, colleges, and hospitals](#) (*Campus Safety Magazine*, April 24)

During an emergency, school, university and hospital security and public safety support personnel, as well as staff and administrators, may be called on to support local first responders. FirstNet enables better communications among all of these individuals. FirstNet is designed for the public safety community — law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, 911/dispatch and emergency management.

[Texas City ISD experiences FirstNet benefits first-hand](#) (*Campus Safety Magazine*, April 24)

With each passing week, more communities are subscribing to FirstNet services. More than 5,250 public safety agencies are using over 425,000 connections on the network today. Schools, colleges and healthcare facilities are also joining the network, sometimes on their own and sometimes in conjunction with their local public safety agencies, to take advantage of the network’s many features and functionalities.

[FirstNet on Navy bases benefits military, local responders](#) (*GCN*, April 22)

Now that the Department of the Navy has opted into FirstNet, the nationwide dedicated public-safety communications platform that AT&T is building, work is starting on identifying eligible entities and how

the network might work for them.



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Bill Schrier @billschrier · May 2

At Texas Public Safety @txlte today @FirstNetGov senior advisors including @ThomasLRandall engage Texas first responders about their needs for data/information sharing which will feed the #FirstNet roadmap and help Texas develop their own capabilities.





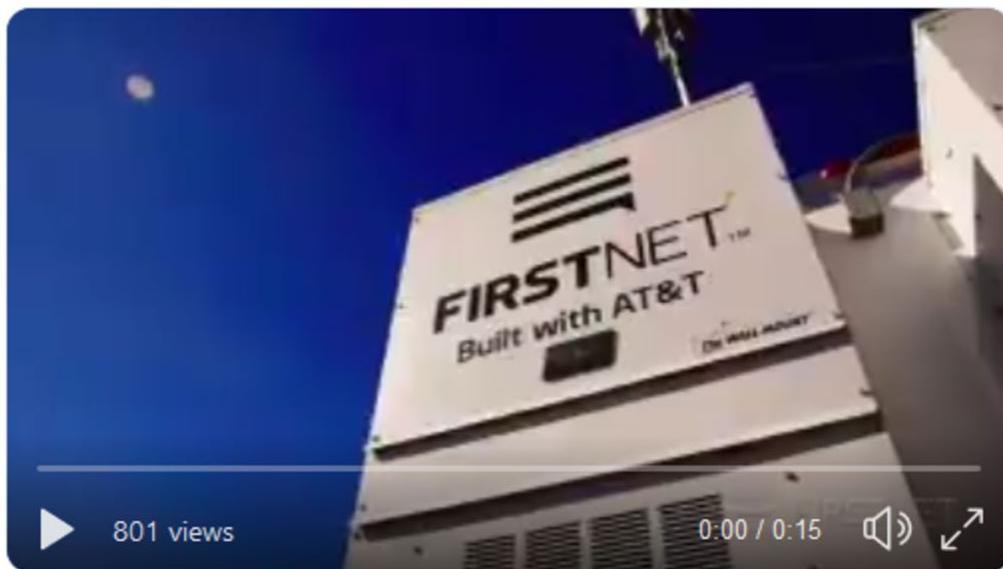
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To keep up with emerging #cyber threats and trends, #FirstNetAuthority Board and staff met with @GACyberCenter this week to learn about their innovative work in #cybersecurity.



FirstNet, Built with AT&T @FirstNet · Apr 23

Texas City ISD's director of school safety learned the value of #FirstNet includes a deployable at no additional charge to subscribers. Watch their story: my.firstnet.com/6532421f





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